

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Patent Application

Applicant(s): Fang et al.
Case: 2-4
Serial No.: 10/776,701
Filing Date: February 11, 2004
Group: 2627
Examiner: Daniel L. Negron

Title: Impedance-Matched Write Circuit with Shunted Matching Resistor

REQUEST FOR REFUND UNDER 37 CFR §1.26

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.26 and MPEP 607.02, the Applicants hereby request a refund of the Extension of Time Fee in the amount of \$460.00 that was charged on August 19, 2008.

The Applicant hereby further requests that the refund be credited to **Ryan, Mason & Lewis, LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0762**.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the Extension of Time fee should be waived in view of the fact that the Examiner delayed in responding to the several timely voicemail messages left by the Applicants in order to resolve an issue with Claim 17.

Chronology:

- 06/18/08 – Applicant left voicemail message for Examiner proposing an interview.
- 06/24/08 - Applicants spoke with Examiner regarding Claim 17. The Examiner indicated that he would speak to a quality assurance person and get back to Applicants with one week.
- 07/01/08- Applicants did not hear back from the Examiner. Applicants telephoned the Examiner and left voicemail message for Examiner.
- 07/02/08 - Applicants telephoned the Examiner and left voicemail message for Examiner.

- 07/03/08 - Applicants telephoned the Examiner's Supervisor, Joseph H. Field, and left voicemail message for Examiner.
- 07/07/08 - Applicants telephoned the Examiner's Supervisor, Joseph H. Field, and left voicemail message for Examiner.
- 07/10/08 - Applicants telephoned the Examiner and left voicemail message for Examiner.

Examiner Negron returned Applicants' telephone call and stated that he would follow-up with Examiner Field and get back to Applicants.

Applicants spoke with Examiner Field regarding Claim 17. Examiner Fields indicated that he was still investigating.

- 07/16/08 - Applicants telephoned the Examiner and left voicemail message for Examiner.
- 08/07/08 - Applicants again spoke with the Examiner regarding Claim 17.
- 08/11/08 - Applicants telephoned the Examiner and left voicemail message for Examiner.
- 08/13/08 - Applicants spoke with Examiner Field. Examiner Field apologized for the "long" delay in getting back to the Applicants and indicated that he would resolve the outstanding issue soon.
- 08/19/08 - Applicants spoke with Examiner. An agreement was reached to enter an Examiner's Amendment to place the application in condition for allowance. Examiner indicated that a two month extension was required to enter the Examiner's Amendment but that a Request for Refund should be submitted.

The attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Please direct any questions regarding this submission of this refund request to the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully,



Date: October 9, 2008

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